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VATICAN, SWISS STAMPS WIN

First Day Dates For Remaining Commems

Postmaster Jesse M. Donaldson has announced the first day dates of the remaining seven stamps of the 1950 commemorative program. The Post Office Department has also indicated that all of them will have denominations of three cents.

It had been expected that the Boy Scout stamp at least would be a 5¢ value since Scouting has an international association.

Three of the remaining issues will have their first days in Washington, D. C., those to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the establishment of Washington, D. C. as the seat of the federal government. Known as the Judicial, Legislative and Executive commems, each of them will pay tribute to those respective branches of the government.

The official list as provided by the Post Office Department follows:

3¢ Gateway to the West—Midwest Centenary—Kansas City, Mo.—June 3, 1950.

3¢ Executive Branch of the Government—(Washington Sesquicentennial Celebration) — Washington, D. C.—June 12, 1950.

3¢ Boy Scouts of America—Valley Forge, Pa.—June 30, 1950.

3¢ Indiana Territory Sesquicentennial—Vincennes, Ind.—July 4, 1950.

3¢ Judicial Branch of the Government (Washington Sesquicentennial Celebration) — Washington, D. C.—Aug. 2, 1950.

3¢ California Statehood—Sacramento, Calif.—Sept. 9, 1950.

3¢ Legislative Branch of the Government (Washington Sesquicentennial Celebration) — Washington, D. C.—Nov. 22, 1950.



DIRECT HIT ON THE MAIL BUS is what the variety seems to look like on the 35c denomination of the Spanish Morocco U.P.U. issue. It can be seen on the right hand stamp shown above where the radiator of the automobile seems to have been blown up. Apparently the variety is caused by some foreign matter on the stamp printing plate, although it might have been caused by some object dropped on the plate which marked that stamp when printed. It only occurs once in each pane of 100 stamps. Report of the variety was received through the courtesy of C. Torres, editor of "El Eco Filatelico", Apartado 108, Pamplona, Spain.

A French Sergeant Designed And Produced One Of World's Scarcest Stamps, "The Convict Island Local"

by J. F. McGee

I am writing of the first stamp of the then French penal colony of New Caledonia. This stamp was produced locally by one of the French marine guards of the garrison there.

New Caledonia is the largest island in the Pacific after New Zealand. It was discovered by the English navigator, Captain Cook in 1774. In some sort of deal, the British allowed the French to take it over in 1853 as a penal colony. Nearby Australia was also once used as a penal settlement. In Australia the labor of the convicts was farmed out under a contract. I suppose this was also the rule in New Caledonia as there are deposits of nickel and copper on the island. The tropical climate of New Caledonia, with its fevers and heat, was hellish for Europeans, and the death rate among the guards and prisoners was high. If a convict escaped to the jungles, the wild natives were offered the reward of a length of gaily-colored cloth for his head. Nice people.

Do not imagine that all or any of the convicts were murderers. Persons convicted of that crime were executed: I once heard an Australian speak with vehement feeling on the subject. He asserted that many of the men deported to Australia had committed no greater offense than poaching—that is having snared rabbits or killed game birds or a deer on one of the great private estates in England, Wales, Scotland or Ireland.

The only direct contact New Caledonia had with France was through the visit of an occasional prison ship. Mail was therefore taken to Sydney, Australia once a month and turned over to the French consul there. He affixed the proper postage in Australian stamps and forwarded it on British vessels.

The French governor of New



Caledonia wished to have a postage stamp for local use and to prepay letters to Australia. He inquired of the marines for a man with a knowledge of lithographing. A sergeant by the name of L. Triquerat offered himself as experienced in the art. He was assigned the job of producing a postage stamp. According to published accounts, he had to find a native stone suitable for lithographing and to shape and polish it. Presumably he also had to construct whatever kind of press he used, as the only printing

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CASH!

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294	1c Pan-American	.50 2.50
295	2c Pan-American	.60 3.00
399	5c Pan	6.00 26.50
401	1c Perf 10	2.00 8.50
402	2c Perf 10	7.50 31.00
403	5c Perf 10	15.00 60.00

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MEXICO

Any want list filled on approval.
SPECIAL LINE PAIR U. S. #351
WELL CENTERED \$20.00
Scotts 1950 Catalogs in Stock
Whole \$7.00; U. S. Specialized \$3.50

THE STAMP HOUSE
35 Court St. Buffalo 2, N. Y.

1949 Airs, 1948 Pro Juventutes Said Most Symbolical, Beautiful; Win Spain's Coveted Trophies

Two silver trophies which should become the most sought prizes among the stamp issuing countries of the world were placed in annual competition by the Postal Administration of Spain. They are to be awarded to the stamp issuing countries which in the opinion of a jury composed of artists, technicians and postal officials have issued the stamp or set of stamps which display the highest artistry, and the stamp or set of stamps which display the most appropriate symbolism. The trophies are reproductions in Silver of two of Spain's famous ships, Columbus' "Santa Maria" and the "Victoria" of Elcano.

The competition was established by Spain as a tribute to the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union of which it was one of the founders. It will be a permanent, annual affair with new trophies being awarded each time.

The Ministry of the Interior order establishing the annual prizes, the "Caravela Santa Maria" and the "Nao Victoria" follows:

"On October 9th being the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union, and Spain being one of the 23 countries that founded it, will cooperate in the general commemoration, associating it to the thought of the Spanish explorers and navigators who were bearers of perennial messages.

In virtue of which it is resolved with permanent character:

"1.—Two prizes will be established to be known as the Santa Maria Caravel" and the "Nao Victoria", which will be awarded every 9th of October hereafter to the two Postal Administrations which have issued the two best stamps or series of stamps with the highest artistic value, and the most appropriate symbolism, selected from all the stamps sent by the Universal Postal Union to this General Post Office (Madrid, Spain) during the period from June 1 of the previous year to May 31 of the current year.

"2.—For the adjudication of the forementioned prizes there will be appointed a jury presided over by the Director General of the Post Office and constituted by the following members: Director General of the Seal, Cultural Relations and the National Mint Office. An Academician of the Real Academia de San Fernando, appointed by the Academy, a professor of Art History appointed by the Ministry of Education, the Chief of the Library and Postal Museum and the Chief of the Philatelic Service of the General Post Office who will act as the secretary of the jury.

"Transitory Resolution—During the present year the adjudgment of these prizes will be accomplished between stamps which have been received in this General Post Office from January 1, 1948 to May 31, 1949."

"Madrid, March 29, 1949." First winners in the competition were Switzerland, which nation has an excellent reputation for the artistic quality of its stamps, and Vatican City.

Switzerland was awarded the Carabela Santa Maria trophy for

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Offer Cachets For California HPO Routes

The Post Office Department announced that government-owned and operated Highway Post Office Service will be inaugurated on or about May 12 between the following points:

Fresno and Bakersfield, California Stockton and Fresno, California

Special first-trip cachets and cancellation stamps will be provided for both routes. Collectors desiring first-trip cancellations should send their covers properly prepaid and ready for mailing at the first class rate, to the postmasters at the terminal cities of each route from which first-trip cancellations are desired. A clear space not less than 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches to the left on the address side of all covers must be left for the application of the cachets.

On each route the initial trip between the first-named and last-named city will be designated as "Trip 1," and the initial trip in the opposite direction as "Trip 2."

Covers for first-trip cancellations should be sent under cover or wrapper to the appropriate postmaster with accompanying letter, or endorsement on wrapper, authorizing the holding of the covers for the first-trip and requesting application of the cachet. There will be no provision made for philatelic handling of covers to or from intermediate post offices along these routes, but at the request of collectors, covers receiving cachets will be directed to the outer terminus of the trip where they will be backstamped.

All covers intended for first-trip cancellations should be received by the appropriate postmasters not later than May 10. Covers received after that date will be returned to the senders and will not be given first-trip treatment.

Union Will Sell Salvador Stamps At Face Value

According to word from the Pan American Union Philatelic Division in Washington, D. C. the republic of Salvador has recently passed a decree which will allow recent issues of that country to be sold at face value at the Union's stamp counter.

The Philatelic Division of the Pan American Union now sells stamps of several of the Central and South American countries at face value to both collectors and dealers.

Offer Cachets For Wellsville Celebration

A neat cachet advertising the 155th anniversary of the settlement of Wellsville, Ohio is available to collectors in two forms. Covers self addressed and stamped by the collectors will receive a rubber stamped impression of the cachet in carmine.

Those desiring a specially printed envelope with the cachet in blue may send ten cents in coin for each cover desired together with the name and address to which it is to be sent.

All covers will be cancelled with the special slogan die now in use and reading "HISTORICAL CELEBRATION—WELLSVILLE, OHIO—1795—1950."

Send all covers and orders to Cachet Director Lloyd Jenkins, 527 Commerce St., Wellsville, Ohio.

19TH CENTURY U. S. BUYS

#1	5c 1847, Used copy.....	\$12.00
#73	2c Black Jack, Used copy..	.61
#113	2c 1869, Used copy89
#117	12c Mint OG copy, Nice.....	8.33
#189	15c Soft Paper, Used57
#228	50c 1890, Used	4.44

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BECK LISTS GUATEMALA

HIGH QUALITY — LOW COST

1c Each	258	274	303	310	RA2	RA18	RA22
2c Each	114	115	116	117	118	120	132
2c Each	210	219	222	233	235	239	273
2c Each	300	301	302	304	305	312	313
2c Each	318	319	320	321	322	324	C147
RA11 RA13 RA14 RA16 RA18 RA20	RA21	RA23	RA24	RA25	RA26	RA27	RA28
3c Each	119	121	122	211	213	217	221
3c Each	239	275	276	277	278	295	308
3c Each	323	C35	C100	C101	C111	RA8	RA9
RA15	E1						
4c Each	100	141	312	224	237	309	C34
C53	C57	C113	C114	C115	C157	RA12	RA13
RA15	E1						
5c Each	44	46	123	156	168	189	178
192	207	214	280	281	282	C26	C116
5c Each	58	88	C117	C129	204	205	
30c Each	152	153	158	C33	C119	C138	C145
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12c Each	188C	C21	C135				
13c Each	162	189	243				
15c Each	139*	250	252	C22	C27	C105	C130
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20c Each	C106	C107	C118	C131	C146		
25c Each	208	229	C85	C21			
30c Each	188A	188B					
35c Each	209*	C59					
40c Each	C108	C109					
50c Each	C31						
55c Each	C122						
\$1.35 Each	RA19						

BECK LISTS DENMARK

1c Each	42	43	44	58	59	60	62	63	64	65	66	70	71	73	74	85	86	87	88	89
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Announce Additions To Plate Block Album

In response to popular demand, Gimbel's Stamp department proudly announces a new addition to its already popular line of albums. This is the new Gimbel album for plate blocks from 1919-1937. Besides giving complete coverage to all commemoratives from the Victory issue of 1919 through the Territorial series of 1937, this album also contains spaces for all the airmails of the United States from 1918 through the end of 1949.

Each page is attractively decorated in the same manner as the previously published Gimbel plate block album for issues of 1938-1949. Fully illustrated, the album has ample mounting spaces for each block.

It is printed on specially selected STAMP COLLECTORS LEDGER paper, which is heavy and serviceable, punched to fit a standard 8½ x 11 three ring binder.

The album complete with gold stamped binder or the pages only are obtainable at Gimbel's Stamp Department, Thirty Third Street and Broadway, New York, and at Gimbel's Philadelphia store, Ninth at Market Streets, or at your dealer.

Dealers may contact Jacques Minkus, publisher at 134 W. 32nd St., New York City.

Eighth Annual Show For Butler Countians

The Butler County Philatelic Society of Butler, Pennsylvania, will hold their Eighth Annual Stamp Exhibition and Open House on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7 in the Display Room of the Standard Motor Company, Butler, Pennsylvania.

The exhibition will consist of approximately 80 frames of stamps, covers and postal stationery, all owned by the Society's members. This exhibition and the Bourse will be free and open to the interested public from 12 noon until 10 P. M. on Saturday, May 6, and from 10 A. M. until 5 P. M. on Sunday, May 7.

There will be a dinner for all members, their wives and the visiting collectors and dealers at 6:15 P. M. on Saturday, May 6.

Those desiring information relating to the Bourse and Dinner reservations, or hotel accommodations, may communicate with the Chairman of Publicity and Bourse — J. Garland Marks, 424 East Pearl Street, Butler, Pa.

Azalean Philatelists Produce Club Bulletin

Newest of the society publications to appear is "The Azalean Philatelist", official organ of the Azalean Philatelists, a group of Mobile, Alabama stamp collectors.

Editor is Leon G. Raley, P. O. Box 1554, Mobile 9, Ala.

The club is presently engaged in an expansion program which will help establish chapters of the organization in three different states. These will be at Cintonelle, Ala., Biloxi, Miss. and Abilene, Kans.

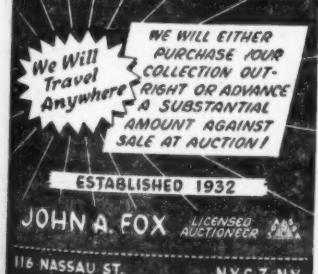
Interested persons are always welcome to the meetings of the club which are held the second and fourth Thursdays at the Mobile YMCA.

New Secretary For Germany Specialists

A newly appointed secretary will handle the affairs of the Germany Philatelic Society. He is Fred A. Gubler, P. O. Box 224, Rochester 1, N. Y. He will serve until the next elections which will be held in 1951.

Members of this group are interested in the stamps of Germany and related material. They are kept informed through the "German Postal Specialist" official bulletin of the Society edited by August O. Busch.

U.S. COLLECTIONS WANTED



BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

by HENRY M. FRIEDMAN
Box 21, Planetarium Sta.
New York 24, N. Y.

ST. LUCIA. This column recently showed a cover from St. Lucia with cancellation "1st AIR MAIL," which the writer mentioned as a probably rare cover.

This prompted numerous communications, one of which advised that the writer had spent some time in St. Lucia and that this cover had been sent on the first flight of P.A.A. and that the Postmaster General did the altering of the cancel in lieu of other recognition of the event. He could not state how many such covers there were, but did say that most of them will not be available—even to the "Yankee Dollar." Many other letters requested information as to the value of these covers.

Complete information regarding this flight was recently received from L. B. Gatchell, editor of The Airport Journal, and to correct any wrong impression, the following is quoted.

"The cover which you illustrated and described is well known to air mail collectors. These covers have been listed in practically every Air Mail Catalogue ever published since 1930, including the American Air Mail Catalogue of 1940. They will also be listed in the forthcoming Volume II of the American Air Mail Catalogue 1950 edition as follows:

Castries-Paramaribo \$5.00
Castries-Port of Spain (318 pieces) 2.50.
Castries-Georgetown (50 pieces)

7.50	Castries-Miami (796 pieces)
1.75	Castries-St. Johns (251 pieces)
2.00	Castries-St. Thomas (194 pieces)
4.00	Castries-San Juan (541 pieces)
1.75	Castries-Santo Domingo (56 pieces) 7.50
7.50	Castries-Port-au-Prince 7.50
2.00	Castries-Havana (22 pieces) 10.00

"From the above you will note that more than 2000 covers were carried from Castries to various destinations by this flight and that, while they are interesting and desirable pieces, the great majority of them which were dispatched to Miami command but a nominal value."

This information will serve as an answer to readers who wrote about this cover and were advised by mail, that further information would be supplied when available.

ADEN. This column recently mentioned that a sheet of 60 of the U.P.U. stamps of Qu'aiti had been found without the surcharge of 1 Rupee on the 1 shilling stamp. Gibbons consider this as an outstanding error and state that this sheet had been lying for months undetected in a dealer's stock. This lucky dealer sold 50 of these errors to Stanley-Gibbons who are now offering the same to collectors at the price of 150 Pounds per mint single.

1950 U. S. PRICE LIST ON REQUEST
SPECIAL—#909-21 Flag set plus #906 China. All VF Mint Only \$1.00. Blocks—\$4.00. Plate Blocks \$10.75.

WILLETT CO.
440 Willett Ave. Port Chester, N. Y.

Youngest Locomotive Fireman Sponsors Cachet

Charles J. Keenan, who was the youngest locomotive fireman in the history of the American Railroads will be among those present at the first day ceremonies of the Casey Jones stamps April 29 at Jackson, Tenn.

He was invited because of his interest in helping to promote the stamp.

He is sponsoring a cachet for first day covers, his offer of which appears in the display advertising columns of this edition of Linn's.

Announce Color Of Railroad Commem

Color of the stamp to honor the "Railroad Engineers" of America will be maroon.

It will be issued April 29 at Jackson, Tenn.

99% ★★ 99% ★★ 99% ★★ 99%

99% means that I guarantee 99% delivery against all orders for stamps listed in this ad with the exception of the U. P. U. issues, and for 800 items in lists. Send for these lists if skeptical. They deliver the goods.

PORUGAL	SLOVAKIA	MONACO	NORWAY
642-960	4415	177-8150	259-6645
650-740	58-6110	192-3 1.00	267-845
658-6120	70-360	B36-50 3.75	275-8 1.85
662-960	77-8230	B51-60 2.75	279-8985
671-420	89-9225	B61-75 1.65	B9-1055
675-8250	108-915	B76-84 1.10	B24 2.00
683-845	B2-450	B85-9085	B28-3030
689-9315	B5-730	C8-9 1.00	B32-425
	B8-1035	204-1350	B35-720

FOLLOWING U.P.U. ISSUES SUBJECT TO PRICE CHANGE

Belgium20	France25	Romania50	Indon. Ovp. (12) 2.50
Congo20	Fr. Col. 3.25	Surinam 1.90	Fr. Morocco .. 1.25
Finland20	Israel42	Spain25	Syria 2.25
Curacao20	Lebanon 1.10	Sweden30	S. Mar. 100 Lira .60
Egypt60	Luxembourg55	Switz.40	Sheet Six 3.75
China80	Panama 2.25	Venezuela 1.75	200 Lira50
Czecho.40	Poland43	Algeria 1.45	Fr. Morocco.

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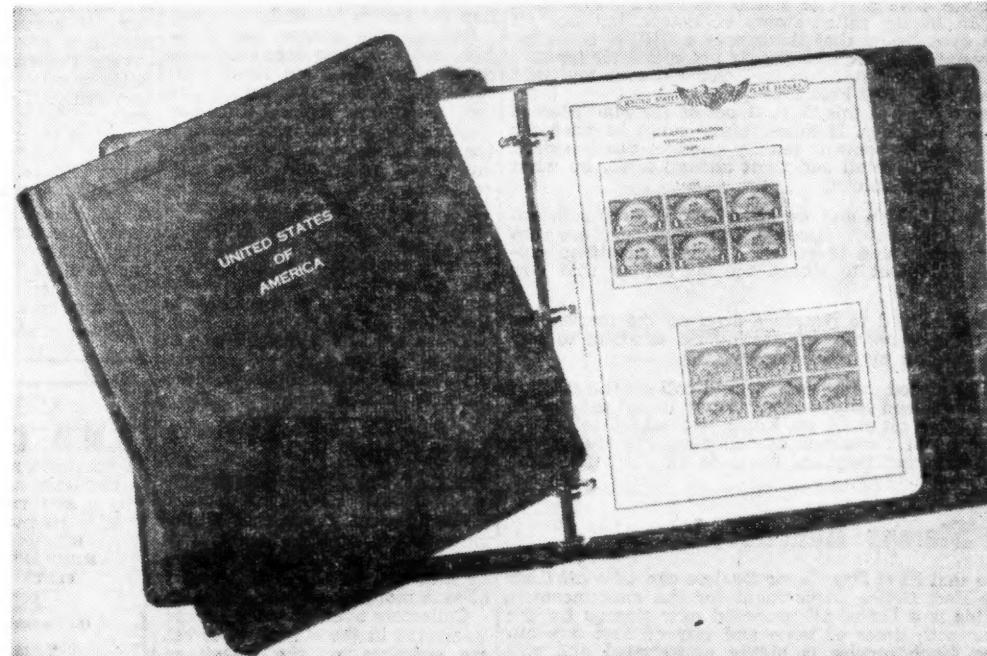
Our vast outlets and speedy turnover make it possible for us to pay higher than usual prices.

Drop us a line today.

ELEDA STAMP COMPANY
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YOU ASKED FOR IT . . . HERE IT IS:

In response to popular demand
Gimbel's - World's Largest Stamp Department
takes great pleasure in introducing the new



GIMBEL PLATE BLOCK ALBUM 1919 - 1937

Provides spaces for all commemoratives from the Victory Issue of 1919 through the Territorial series of 1937, and all the Airmails from 1918 through the end of 1949.

A COMPANION SECTION TO THE GIMBEL PLATE BLOCK ALBUM

1938 - 1949

Each page is suitably decorated with ample mounting spaces provided for each plate number block. Fully illustrated.

Printed on high grade extra heavy Stamp Collectors Ledger (c) paper, punched to fit standard 8½ x 11 three-ring binder.

ALBUM COMPLETE WITH GOLD-STAMPED BINDER . . . \$4.00

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Playing Us For Suckers

The "US" means you brother as well as all other stamp collectors. We sometimes think that the P. O. Department at Washington is purposely taking advantage of the buying power of the stamp collector to unload some of their souvenirs which are being made from time to time. The boys must have figured it out right in a few instances.

They must have figured, why use paper for printing 3¢ postage stamps when you can make them 10¢, 15¢ and 25¢ at the same cost and get the jack without so much effort. On a few occasions in the past few years the stamp collector has been taken for a good ride in his stamp buys from Uncle Sam. Quite a bit of good sized money has been invested in stamps by various buyers in past years and our bright P. O. Department officials have on a few occasions unloaded a lot of paper with higher prices printed on it, paper that the buyers will have a hard time disposing of in such manner as to make their investments profitable. Time was, years back, when printings were limited and one had a fair chance to buy and after holding for a matter of five or ten years, turn a very good profit, but those days are gone and the large printings of today and the past few years have taken

all that out of our postage stamps. It is not so bad with the common 3¢ values issued for regular postage use, in fact even good for air mail use if need be, but when they get to dishing out 10¢, 15¢ and 25¢ stamps and such things in big quantities, they are overloading the market.

Perhaps they believed what Jim Farley once said, that there were ten million stamp collectors and that each one might want to buy a set.

Take the 15¢ CIPEX sheet for example. The quantity printed was so big that it will take some years yet for it to grow in value so that it will ever turn out as a decent investment.

Mr. Rueth gives figures on the souvenir sheet printings and if you doubt this just study those figures in his column this week and try to figure out just how long it will be before you can turn these 15¢ CIPEX sheets at a decent profit.

Trouble is, that we have a lot of stamp collectors and also a lot of people that Mr. Farley called stamp collectors, but not all of these ten million even know that there was a CIPEX sheet issued and even if they did, they probably would not spend 15¢ for one.

The CIPEX sheet has one thing in its favor however and that is that it can be used for Parcel Postage.

That however is not true of this U. P. U. set of Air Mail Stamps that they unloaded on the boys. If these things could be used for Parcel Postage they would disappear readily enough, but the darn things are only good for Air Mail and most airmail is 6¢. So what can one do with these high values?

The country is full of them and we have been offered substantial quantities at as much as 10% discount, but what good are they except for stamp collectors and there are not enough stamp collectors who have bought a set to absorb the big supply that was made.

These stamps are destined to remain a drug on the market for years to come, for there is no way of getting rid of them in any quantity except for foreign air mail use.

If some smart Hollywood stamp man would call on the mailing rooms at the Film Capital and induce them to buy up all they could get and use them up for air mail on Films, we might solve the problem. As it is however, thousands of collectors are stuck with sheets or parts of sheets and they are going to be stuck for some years to come.

Coming New Stamps Announced

Now is one time that First Day Cover Dealers can take off their hats and thank the Post Office Department for the announcement it has just made. This is a list of all proposed new stamps for the balance of this year with dates of issue and city of first day announced in advance. Such service is highly appreciated and will allow ample time for every dealer to lay plans and have nice covers ready for the announced dates.

The Poor American Stamp Dealers

One of the chief reasons why we can not have a real Stamp Dealers Association here in America just as they have over in England is due principally to the fact that the American Stamp Dealers can not afford the cost of same, is the advice we have from Mr. Herbert Reuben, president of the American Stamp Dealers Association.

This is indeed a sad state of affairs here in a country so prosperous as America has been in the past many years, and where we do still have enough left after paying taxes to live in a decent manner. It is unlike England, where taxes eat up perhaps a third of the smaller incomes, and other conditions are far from equal to what we have here.

One of the great troubles with too many stamp dealers in this country is that they are stamp poor. They have so many stamps laying around that could be converted to cash and they are constantly buying more so that they are always short of cash. Every time some older dealer in New York passes away they find so much in old albums, boxes full of stamps and old approval sheets that it amazes the finders. Like when Percy Doane passed on and his stock was dug out. There were heaps of boxes and bundles of stamps that had been stacked up in his office so long that they had been forgotten. This has occurred with many of them. If the dealers would just clean house some day, dig out the stuff and run a bargain sale, we mean a real bargain sale, most of them could cash in a few thousand dollars and have cash in their pockets and never miss the stamps they sold. We know, we were a dealer once ourselves and know how the stuff accumulated.

Collectors love big mixed lots and if you give them good value, you will sell them a lot more of the same kind of material and everyone will be happy. Try a housecleaning once and dig out the remains of old lots and accumulations and see how fast it moves if offered at bargain prices.

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1863 Jackson Stamp Subject Of New Book

The Black Jacks of 1863-67, by Maurice F. Cole. Published by Chambers Publishing Co., Kalamazoo 25, Mich. Paper bound, 121 pages, illustrated. Price \$1.50.

The latest addition to the popular Chambers Handbook Series, this is an interesting and scholarly presentation of the story of one of the most popular and attractive, yet little-known, United States stamps of all times, the 2¢ black Andrew Jackson portrait issue of 1863-67, commonly called "Black Jacks."

The seventeen chapters of the book are devoted to such subjects as the collateral sources, autographed material, die and plate proofs, precancelling of the Black Jack, revenue usage, special covers, bisects, multiples, usage singly and in combination with other stamps, plate markings, foreign mail usage, perforation and printing oddities, and fancy cancellations.

As the author states in his foreword, the book is not intended as the "final word" on the subject, much of which is yet to be explored, but it is an attempt to combine in a single publication the results of his own research and that of contemporary students, providing a solid foundation for future research.

Because the author has skillfully combined the bare essentials concerning the stamp itself with such collateral information as the Sanitary Fair, Christian Commission and patriotic covers, the combination usages for various postal rates, the fancy cancellations, the oddities arising from production methods, and many other phases of philatelic and postal history, the book will be both useful and interesting to all collectors of United States stamps as well as to specialists in the Black Jacks.

There are 115 illustrations of singles, multiple pieces, covers, plate and cancellation varieties included in the book.

Israel Society Will Meet At Philatelic Museum

Meetings of the Israel Philatelic Society of Philadelphia will be held in the National Philatelic Museum on the first Monday of each month hereafter at 8 p. m.

Collectors over 18 years of age, interested in the stamps of Israel, are welcome to the meetings. Further information about the club can be gotten from the secretary, Mrs. Rose Muscian, 2036 N. Franklin St., Philadelphia 22.

Two Day Exhibition At Dearborn, Michigan

A two day exhibition and bourse will be sponsored by the Dearborn Stamp Club at the Miller School April 29 and 30 in Dearborn, Mich.

Feature of the Saturday evening banquet will be the drawing for a set of mint U. S. Zeppos. Chairman of the exhibition is Elmer Beck, while N. Grogitsky has charge of the bourse.

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Commendable Idea For FDC Cachets

by Charles N. Roeckell

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An FDC has, of course, the stamp—single, pair, block or plate number block—depending upon the collector. It has a nice cancellation by special courtesy of the P. O. D. which says that this is a first day cover. It has the date of issue of the stamp and the first day city. But one thing is missing—a write-up of the stamp.

The cover printers provide a pretty picture for the cachet. Some of these designs are works of art. And some—let's just say—are not. But all of the designs completely overshadow the stamp, making it of secondary interest. Now, why doesn't some enterprising cover service eliminate the picture and replace it with a write-up of the stamp?

There is artistry and craftsmanship in printing and type faces. A well-designed piece of typography, in two colors, with an inch square illustration to brighten the copy, would not only be attractive but would restore philatelic balance to the cover.

A collector could get an uncacheted cover and type in his own write-up. In appearance it would not be much and no collector wants an eyesore. But a first-rate typographer could begin with the stamp, select a type face, border and colors to match and lay out a job with plenty of eye appeal.

The write-up itself cannot be overlong due to space limitations. This is probably an advantage as it would keep the story to the point. The biggest pitfall for the printer would be accuracy. Nothing is worse than misinformation in a stamp collection. And having the same error in thousands of collections borders on the horrifying. The necessary information, in most cases, can be found in the recognition encyclopedias, making it easy on the cover printer.

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New York Herald Tribune's Ernest Kehr Tells Of New Stamp Printing Techniques Planned By Argentina

Ernest A. Kehr, stamp editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, was a passenger on the recent first flight to Buenos Aires, Argentina from New York City on the FAMA Lines.

Since his arrival in that South American nation's capital he has been shown many courtesies by the Postal Administration of Argentina as well as by collectors there. His report of a visit to the new stamp and currency printing plant of the Argentine government has a lot of interesting information for collectors, especially for those who are interested in the stamps of this nation.

Mr. Kehr described his visit to the new plant in the New York Herald Tribune as follows:

Argentine stamps with a new appeal for the philatelist soon will be coming out of the Casa de Moneda de la Nacion, a big modernistic plant being completed here to print all of Argentina's postage stamps and banknotes and mint the nation's coins. New presses and the engagement of skilled Italian engravers will result in issues far superior to the usually mediocre Argentine stamps of the past, inspection of the few samples already printed indicates.

Machines to make the new stamps have come to Buenos Aires from all parts of the world and represent the most up to date graphic arts processes. The photocopy machine was made by Hohe & Hahne, of Leipzig, Germany; the intaglio lathe-work apparatus, used to engrave the intricate background patterns that defy counterfeiting, comes from L. Castagna, in Vienna; the transfer presses from Thomas de la Rue, in England; a rotogravure press from the Lienhard Company in La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, and a lithographing machine from the Craftsman Line-up Table Company, in Waltham, Mass. An antiquated comb perforation cutter was supplied by A. Hogenforst, Germany.

It is the new press that is most spectacular. I have seen it operate and seen its products, yet still cannot believe what I saw. Invented by Gualtiero Giorni, of Milan, Italy, this rotary intaglio press uses a single line engraved plate and imprints a single sheet of paper with designs in as many as seven different colors in a single turn of the cylinder. It is said to be the twelfth such machine constructed on an experimental basis, but the first that has actually produced postage stamps. Heretofore, the production of recess-engraved postage stamps in more than a single color required as many printing operations as there were colors, with relatively long periods between printings to enable the inks to dry properly. This is one of the handicaps which prevents the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in Washington, from turning out more bi-colored United States stamps, for not only do ordinary multichrome products require more time but also individual plates for each part of the design printed in a different color and considerably more make-ready work to insure good registration of one color upon the other.

The first Argentine stamps produced on the new equipment were the 25-centavo, Universal Postal Union commemoratives of last year. These were printed in but two colors—green and olive—but Mr. Giorni, who is here to train Argentine printers and technicians, showed me a sample sheet consisting of twenty-five designs printed in seven different colors and various combinations of those colors, the entire sheet having been printed at one time. At present the press was turning out paper money, but soon it will be used to print a set of seven stamps now being engraved for issue in conjunction with the centennial of the death of General Jose de San Martin, founder of the republic.

Until the printing cylinders are made by siderographers, the engraving process is the same as that now used by banknote firms all over the world. Once the design has been drawn it is reduced to a working model from which craftsmen cut the original die, in reverse. To make stamps with this machine, the design is completely engraved upon a single die, as opposed to the recognized procedure of making a separate die for each portion of the design to be printed in a separate color. At the present time the three Italian engravers, Mario Baiardi, Pedro Cerichelli and Ercole Colombi, are busy on dies for the 20, 25, 75 centavo and 2 peso values of the

San Martin set. An examination of the engraving under a high-power magnifier revealed the work to be of the highest intaglio standards.

Once the die has been completed and approved, it is hardened in the usual manner and transferred to a soft copper cylinder, hardened and chrome plated. The cylinder then is placed in the press for printing. The exact manner in which the press is made ready represents the secret of the process. During the printing operation, the spectator can see only the single plate on the large printing drum around the face of which are the fountains and rollers of differently colored inks, clustered like tubers of a dahlia bulb. The sheets of paper are fed in at one end of the press and emerge at the other, completely printed.

Announce Dates Of Second ASDA Show

The Second A. S. D. A. National Postage Stamp Show will be presented the week prior to Thanksgiving Day this year, Peter G. Keller, Executive Officer of the Americana Stamp Dealers' Association has announced.

Mr. Keller, who again will direct the A. S. D. A. sponsored exhibition and bourse, said that the dates of the 1950 show will be Nov. 16, 17, 18, and 19, Thursday through Sunday, of the week preceding Turkey Day.

The show again will be staged in the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory, Park Avenue and 34th Street, New York. The first A. S. D. A. National Postage Stamp Show, in 1949, was a three-day affair, which featured the first-day sale of the 6c Air Mail booklet. The success of this bourse-exhibition was so pronounced, and the dealers so pleased with the results, that President Herbert F. Reuben and the A. S. D. A. Board of Directors approved the proposal for a 4-day show in 1950.

National Stamp Collecting Week again will coincide with the National Postage Stamp Show, to run from November 12 through November 19.

Plans for both the show and National Stamp Collecting Week are being formulated, full details of which will be announced as progress is made.

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The Story Of The "KANS." AND "NEBR." OVERPRINTS OF 1929

by J. F. McGEE

During the 1920's the burglarizing of the smaller post offices by hoodlums, operating with autos, was rife all over the U. S. The robbery of stamps from post offices was prevalent especially in Kansas and Nebraska.

The postal inspector whose district included these two states, suggested to the Postmaster General the idea of overprinting the names of the states on stamps to prevent large quantities of mint stamps being sold readily in another section of the country.

The then Postmaster General was sufficiently sold on the plan to authorize a trial in Kansas and Nebraska. The smaller post offices had little demand for stamps of the higher denominations, and the eleven lower values of the 1926-27 regular issue were overprinted, "Kans." and "Nebr."

Then Postmaster General took office. He did not approve of the state stamps, but allowed those that had already been prepared for Kansas and Nebraska to be put into service.

No restrictions were placed on the use of the stamps with the control in other states. Residents of both Kansas and Nebraska continued to send small sums of money in the form of stamps for goods ordered by mail. The large mail order houses in Chicago and Kansas City received large amounts of the stamps. They even precanceled them. There was an official ruling forbidding the precanceling of the stamps with the state control overprint, but quite a number of the postmasters in both Kansas and Nebraska disregarded the order.

I have the 1c and 3c precanceled by the post office of the small town of Milford, Kansas, unlisted in my catalog. It was said these were used by the institution then located there which specialized in rejuvenating elderly men by transplanting goat glands. (Nurse, fetch my false teeth so I can start whistling at girls again!) Most of the writers on this subject have stated that the stamps with the control overprint were not available in either Omaha or Lincoln. I have no information about Lincoln except in a first-day cover. However, in Omaha they were issued to the branch post offices, including the Burlington Postal Station which is on the railway tracks near both the Union and Burlington passenger depots, and which now exclusively handles parcel post mail.

The Burlington Postal Station, had some of the high values, particularly the 8c, long after the printing was exhausted in most post offices out in the state. And during the 1934 holiday season, the only 1½c stamp to be had at the Omaha main post office for mailing Christmas greetings were the ones with the state control. Tens of thousands of sheets were disposed of then.

I have first-day covers with the 2c of Omaha, Lincoln, Elkhorn, Fremont, Cedar Bluffs, Kearney, Grand Island, Valley and Waterloo, Nebraska, all postmarked April 24, 1929. (Correction! The Lincoln cover is dated April 25th.) Should we have another economic depression it probably will bring another cycle of post office robberies, and a demand for state

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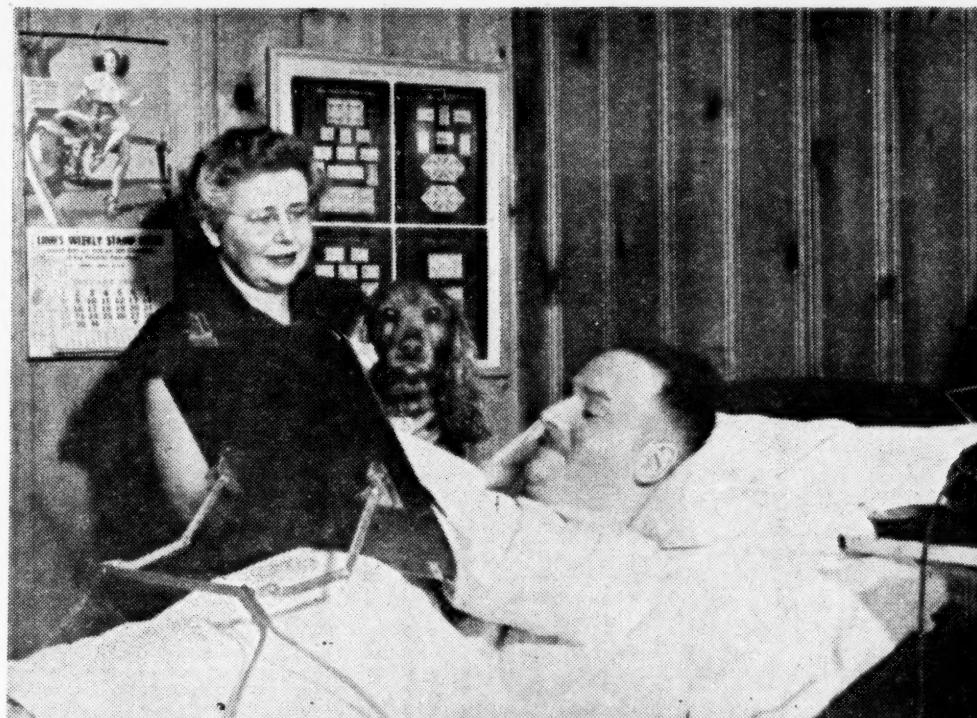
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Shown here in the making is one of the cartoons which appear under the title of "Double Impressions" on the editorial page of Linn's each week. Plying the pencil is Charles Weil confined permanently to his bed since an accident in 1944. Watching interestedly are his ELW (ever loving wife) Helen, and Henry, their cocker spaniel.

OREGON MAN MAKES GOOD!

by Carl P. Ruehl

On June 23, 1912 three loud toots from the whistle of the steamboat "Winnie Mae" docked at Big Arm, Montana on Flathead Lake saluted the arrival of the first white child born on the Flathead Indian Reservation. That youngster was Charles Weil now of Bend, Oregon. Perhaps that name will strike a spark of recognition in your memory, but chances are that you won't be able to place it right off. So to make the introduction quick as possible, Charles is the artist who draws those clever cartoons appearing under the title "Double Impressions" on page four of Linn's each week.

Yes, Charles Weil is the man responsible for those chuckles you've gotten from the cartoons in which he pokes delightfully amid the fancies and the foibles of philately.

The cartoons for Linn's as well as those for several other national publishing organizations are drawn by Weil as he lays nearly flat on his back in bed—to which place he has been confined permanently by an accident which occurred to him on June 6, 1944, a date which readers will recognize as "D-Day."

His cartooning is done exactly as you see him at work in the picture above.

In recounting the episodes of his life, Charles remarked that he didn't begin to live until he started to go with the girl who is now his ELW (Ever Loving Wife). Both of them had the same interests—stamp collecting, drawing, fishing and hiking and camping along the scenic by-ways of the Northwest.

Like most folks who have a creative bent, Weil passed up few opportunities to add to his stock in trade. In the minutes between action on his job as a "saw punk" with a local lumber company he used to write ideas on chips of wood which he put in his pockets and copied in a more permanent form on his arrival home.

His first sale of a cartoon occurred in 1937 to a lumber worker's magazine. Today, he shudders every time he thinks of it.

Knowing nothing about the principles of reduction he drew it 20 by 20 inches. In the magazine it was reduced to a size of 2 inches by 2 inches, and the resulting picture was so faint as to be almost illegible. But he has learned a lot about cartooning since then.

Steady plugging brought him other clients so that soon, he was a regular contributor to a dozen publications. He had one commission which required him to do a "Home Oddities" series of pictures for the magazine of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. It was something in the nature of a Believe-It-Or-Not about houses, lumber and the lumber business.

Other magazines which have carried his cartoons are "Surgical Business", "Successful Farming", "Click" and the "Saturday Evening Post" (once).

All this drawing was done in the evenings after he came back home from his daily stint in the lumber mill.

In 1941, a promotion to the position of Safety Engineer of the

plant enabled him to put into reality another idea he had nursed for some time. This was a regularly issued bulletin called "The Safety Soundboard." It came to the attention of the National Safety Council and thereafter it each year won the top award from the National Industrial Editors Board.

That is it did, until he had his accident.



This self portrait, he has captioned, "Weil after a sleepless night trying to think up cartoon ideas."

It happened when he was enroute to a Safety Conference in Eugene, Oregon. The bus was crushed by a tree which a couple of "unsafety-minded" fellows fell in a high wind. A co-representative from his company as well as three other passengers were killed, and Weil was left paralyzed from the seventh vertebrae down.

That has left him without any feeling below the armpits, and the nerves to his fingers knocked out of commission.

He was three months in a coma—when he finally came back to full consciousness and realized his handicap Charles Weil states he was awful blue and bitter and more than willing to give up the ship of life.

It wasn't too long though before the deaf, loving care of his ELW, Helen, and the interested and cheerful visits of his friends snapped him out of it. He began to have an itch to try his hand at drawing again.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

In a letter to this office, in connection with the proposed Boy Scout stamp which will appear soon, an executive of the Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Ave., New York 16, N. Y. wrote in part, as follows:

"...I have written to 22 companies of which we have a record as producers of cachets offering the services of the Boy Scouts of America in checking the designs and statements in their cachets for accuracy."

"There are two important factors about which each producer should be aware. The Act of Congress which chartered the Boy Scouts of America gave the sole right for the use of the Scout emblem to the Boy Scouts of America. It will not be possible for us to grant permission to any cachet dealer to use any Boy Scout emblem on the cachet."

The BSA's generous attitude in offering help to the cachet dealers is commendable.

But I question their position as stated in the second paragraph above where they will refuse permission to reproduce the Boy Scout emblem in a cachet. The BSA is probably planning to produce an "official" cachet of its own in which no doubt they plan to use their emblem.

Their refusal to let anyone else use it borders on the selfish. The Boy Scouts have been backed and promoted by our citizens as a whole through Community Chests, civic organizations and through individual personal interest. Possibly some of these same cover dealers have been interested and have supported scouting to the fullest extent.

I believe that the BSA would have a difficult time making any headway in a court of law in the prosecution of any person or persons using the emblem. It has been used so widely for all kinds of promotions, news matter and illustrations many of which are connected with the making of a profit, and used without the permission of the BSA, that the emblem might be considered common property.

In any event, even though Congress favored the BSA, they'd have a tough time making their decision or ruling "stick" in a court of law, besides which they'd lose a tremendous amount of good will.

1. The Inventors set of the Famous Americans series pictured Whitney, Morse, McCormick, Howe and Bell. What outstanding invention is credited to each?

2. One of our presidents was known as "Old Rough and Ready". Who was he, and on what denomination of the Presidential series is pictured?

Some weeks ago, I advanced the opinion here that the CIPEX souvenir sheet issued by the United States in 1947 in compliment to the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition and the 100th anniversary of the first U. S. postage stamps would never amount to anything much as an investment.

A man, whom I suspect has bales of them stored away as an investment, and who hates to admit the truth about the issue from an investment standpoint wrote his disagreement in a disagreeable manner, without regard to existing facts.

He brought out that souvenir sheets as a whole were mighty fine things to have your money in, and that the CIPEX and the 10c SPA which I also disparaged as an investment item, were just as good as all the previous ones. Well, are they?

Here is the record—the total of each item are figures supplied by the Post Office Department and are official and reliable.

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Chicago 3c	441,172
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Parks 1c	793,551
Parks 3c	511,391
TIPEX	2,809,039
SPA Parks 10c	5,277,445
CIPEX	10,299,600

You will note that all of them with the exception of the last three listed above, were issued in quantities in less than one million copies. When you get an issue of stamps or sheets with figures in that bracket, you better cop on to it—it's money in the bank.

Even the TIPEX which had somewhat less than three million issued back in 1936, fourteen years ago, has not amounted to much as an investment item. It has had some gain, sure, but it still wholesales at around 20c, and if you were to sell what you have, you'd only get a few cents over the face value of 12c now.

The Scott Catalog does a pretty accurate job of reflecting the worth of the above sheets and you can rely on it most of the time for stamp values.

The sheets issued in less than a million copies will continue to gain in value regularly, while the others over a period of time will gain too, but oh so slowly, and so slightly.

According to the newest list of stamps for sale at face value at the Philatelic Agency, only the following are available. All are three cent commems except as noted.

Four Chaplains, Women's Progress, Friendship, Key, Barton, Firemen, Turner, Harris, Minnesota, Washington & Lee, Puerto Rico, Alexandria (6c), Annapolis, GAR, Poe, 10c, 15c and 25c UPU, Wright Brothers (6c), Bankers, Gompers, and Freedom.

Also the Presidents from 1/2c to \$5; the 10c, 13c, 15c, 17c and 20c Special Delivery; the 10c, 15c and 20c Special Handling; the 1947, 1948 and 1949 Duck stamps; the 1947 airmails of 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c denominations and the 6c of 1949; and the 5c and 6c airmail coil stamps.

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To obtain a list of the stamps available at the Agency, send them a stamped, self-addressed envelope with a request for it. The address is Philatelic Agency, Post Office Department, Washington 25, D. C.

Getting back to one of the souvenir sheets mentioned above, the TIPEX, not many collectors are aware of any intimate story connected with it.

Because the Post Office Department wanted a sufficient quantity of these on hand for sale on the first day at the Third International Philatelic Exhibition, for which the sheet was issued, three shifts of printers were put on duty at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to produce them.

On the second night, the night shift pressman, noting that the ink was getting low in the press fountain, dumped the contents of a can of ink in it that was sitting by the press.

What he didn't know at the time he did it was that the ink was black instead of purple.

Because of the lighting, he did not note the gradual change of color from purple through darker and darker shades to finally a solid black color. When he finally did, the press was shut down, and the approximately 1300 full sheets, containing 30 of the Souvenir sheets each, were destroyed.

Thus no copies of a very interesting error in color ever reached the public, nor did any of the gradually darkened shades thereof.

As with the CIPEX 1947 sheet, some of the TIPEX were printed at the government exhibit within the exhibition itself. A special plate, numbered 21563, was used there, and all sheets printed from it were destroyed.

Only those sheets printed from plate numbers 21557-8 were sold to the public. Either of those numbers are to be found on each TIPEX souvenir sheet.

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2. Zachary Taylor, who is depicted on the 12c denomination.

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Reports from Mr. Strauss' home in Brooklyn, N. Y. state that he is improving in health from his recent bout with pneumonia. He will again edit this column in the very near future.

OREGON MAN
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ness items in formal meeting, Weil and another chess playing member of the club "push the wood." The other fellow does all the pushing, Charles tells him where!

Wednesday is Helen's night out. It is the weekly meeting night of the local chess club which also goes into session at the friendly Weil home.

Like a lot of other fortunate men who have had a good woman give them help and encouragement, Charles Weil credits his Helen with being pretty much of an angel.

He says that most of the time it is pretty rough sledding for her. She has to meet deadlines for cartoons and handle practically all the work connected with the stamp business. On top of that she has to cook, keep house and keep an eye on his wants. Charles likes to smoke, but can't light a cigarette; he likes to draw but has to have someone change the paper on his board.

There's never a dull moment, says Charles, what with stamps, chess, gardening (Helen's favorite hobby), Henry Gerald their Cocker Spaniel, Percy the canary, Bert, Clyde and Polly the wild jays who live the year round in a tree right outside his window, and their rabbits, and banty roosters.

Everyone's quite happy and busy around the Weil home!

Staten Islanders Will Banquet, Make Awards

Sixteenth annual dinner of the Staten Island Philatelic Society is scheduled for the Riviera Chateau on April 24.

There will be an award and several certificates presented to members during the evening's program for service to the club.

For having the best exhibit in the recent exhibition of the club, Alexander Findlay will be awarded the Elliot Burgher trophy.

Henry J. Murray and Bernard Ludin will be awarded certificates of appreciation for their work with juvenile collectors and hospitalized veteran collectors respectively.

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A similar 1½d. stamp is to be issued on June 19 with a portrait of Queen Elizabeth.



BULGARIA: A two value set just received honors Kolarov. Both values show a portrait of him and the dates 1877-1950. Denominations are 4ab red brown and 201 blue. The blue stamp is considerably larger than the lower value.

CURACAO: New definitive sets labeled Netherlands Antilles will replace all stamps labeled "Curacao." Denominations will run from 6c to 10 fl.

EGYPT: A new 50p is to be issued showing King Farouk in military uniform.

GREECE: A new postal tax stamp with a face value of 50d has been received. The basic stamp is Scott's #397 (type A70) overprinted 14 blue similar to the overprint on Scott's #RA77 through RA80. It is therefore likely that the surtax is for the postal clerk's welfare fund.

IRAN: The UPU set was issued on March 16. There is a 50d red showing two hemispheres and a 250R blue showing a winged messenger delivering a letter.



JAPAN: An 8 yen bright ultramarine honors the Radio industry and shows a microphone as used in 1925 and in contrast a modern microphone. The set honors the 25th anniversary of Japanese radio.

NEPAL: The UPU business is so good that Nepal is reported to have applied for membership so as to participate in the UPU's 75th anniversary.

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63A 1.75	279c 1.25	668 .28	O122 .1.60	R78c .1.5	RB18M .2.60	RE118 .30
63B 1.10	282A .17	672 .24	O123 .15	R80c .1.65	RB18N .2.10	RE119 .20
64 6.65	284 .15	673 .32	O124 .15	R81c .1.95	RB18O .13.80	RE120 .1.20
64A .30	287 .45	674 .45	O125 .15	R82c .1.7	RB18P .1.7	RE121 .1.20
67 7.45	288 .45	Air Mail	O126 .1.20	R83c .1.9	RB18Q .1.9	RE122 .1.20
68 .40	289 .88	O127 .20	O128 .20	R84c .1.9	RB18R .1.9	RE123 .1.20
68A .50	290 .40	C1 .74	R85c .1.9	R85c .1.7	RB18S .1.7	RE124 .1.20
68X 1.75	291 3.45	C2 .1.75	R86c .1.9	R86c .1.7	RB18T .1.7	RE125 .1.20
69 .98	297 .52	C3 .1.22	R87c .1.9	R87c .1.7	RB18U .1.7	RE126 .1.20
70 2.80	298 1.35	C4 .53	Q3 .15	R88c .2.0	RC16c .1.7	AUTO .1.20
70b 5.40	299 .60	C5 .1.75	Q7 .40	R89c .2.0	RC17A-C .19	AUTO .1.20
70c 4.25	300 .60	C6 .74	Q8 .50	R90c .2.85	RC17B .1.00	AUTO .1.20
71 1.20	To	C20	Q9 .17	R91c .65	RC18c .1.6	AUTO .1.20
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73 .39	308 .21	C22 .39	Q11 .70	R93c .60	RC21c .45	Dated Revs.
75 3.50	309 .15	C24 .15	Q12 .50	R94c .4.40	R94c .1.5	Ducks
76 .88	310 .50	C31 .15	R95c .1.7	R95c .1.5	RW1 .1.95	Ducks
77 1.39	311 1.40	R96c .1.7	R97c .1.7	R98c .1.7	RW2 .223	Ducks
78 .92	312 6.45	R98c .1.7	R99c .1.7	R99c .1.7	RW3 .224	Ducks
85B .39	314 .73	E1 .85	R100c .1.7	R100c .1.7	RW4 .225	Ducks
86 3.10	315 22.75	E3 .30	R101c .4.40	R101c .4.40	RW5 .226	Ducks
87 .79	320 .90	E4 .50	R102c .5.34	R102c .5.34	RW6 .227	Ducks
88 .15	320A 1.20	E7 .40	R103c .5.34	R103c .5.34	RW7 .228	Ducks
89 1.48	323 .15	E10 .1.25	R104c .5.34	R104c .5.34	RW8 .229	Ducks
90 1.95	325 1.30	F1 .15	R105c .5.34	R105c .5.34	RW9 .230	Ducks
91 3.88	326 .58	Post. Dues.	R106c .5.34	R106c .5.34	RW10 .231	Ducks
92 1.90	327 1.25	R107c .5.34	R107c .5.34	RW11 .232	Ducks	
93 .65	330 .65	J1 .15	R108c .5.34	R108c .5.34	RW12 .233	Ducks
95 5.75	333 .15	J2 .17	R109c .5.34	R109c .5.34	RW13 .234	Ducks
96 .98	336 .15	J4 .60	R110c .5.34	R110c .5.34	RW14 .235	Ducks
97 1.60	340 .21	J5 .30	R111c .5.34	R111c .5.34	RW15 .236	Ducks
98 1.45	341 .40	J17 .1.55	R112c .5.34	R112c .5.34	RW16 .237	Ducks
101 15.95	342 2.65	J18 .40	R113c .5.34	R113c .5.34	RW17 .238	Ducks
112 1.58	348 .19	J20 .45	R114c .5.34	R114c .5.34	RW18 .239	Ducks
113 .45	349 .25	J26 .18	R115c .5.34	R115c .5.34	RW19 .240	Ducks
115 1.55	350 2.25	J27 .1.65	R116c .5.34	R116c .5.34	RW20 .241	Ducks
116 1.48	351 3.65	J30 .90	R117c .5.34	R117c .5.34	RW21 .242	Ducks
117 1.55	352 .55	J33 .50	R118c .5.34	R118c .5.34	RW22 .243	Ducks
118 8.95	353 .25	J35 .25	R119c .5.34	R119c .5.34	RW23 .244	Ducks
119 2.58	354 1.90	J40A .15	R120c .5.34	R120c .5.34	RW24 .245	Ducks
120 8.95	355 2.10	J43 .25	R121c .5.34	R121c .5.34	RW25 .246	Ducks
121 4.98	358 2.00	J44 .40	R122c .5.34	R122c .5.34	RW26 .247	Ducks
122 24.95	368 1.40	J47 .55	R123c .5.34	R123c .5.34	RW27 .248	Ducks
133 2.20	371 .75	J49 .20	R124c .5.34	R124c .5.34	RW28 .249	Ducks
134 1.25	373 1.20	J58 .575	R125c .5.34	R125c .5.34	RW29 .250	Ducks
135 .65	380 .23	JQ2 .35	R126c .5.34	R126c .5.34	RW30 .251	Ducks
136 .15	381 .15	JQ4 .80	R127c .5.34	R127c .5.34	RW31 .252	Ducks
137 4.45	382 .68	R81A .2.30	R128c .5.34	R128c .5.34	RW32 .253	Ducks
138 3.90	385 .40	Officials	R82A .1.60	R129c .5.34	RW33 .254	Ducks
139 8.50	386 .50	O1 .1.95	R83A .48.00	R130c .5.34	RW34 .255	Ducks
141 8.95	387 1.15	O2 .85	R84A .110.00	R131c .5.34	RW35 .256	Ducks
145 .15	388 3.10	O3 .21	R85A .1.90	R132c .5.34	RW36 .257	Ducks
148 .27	391 .18	O4 .75	R86A .1.90	R133c .5.34	RW37 .258	Ducks
149 1.30	392 .45	O6 .4.35	R87A .1.90	R134c .5.34	RW38 .259	Ducks
150 .48	395 .68	O9 .3.95	R88A .1.90	R135c .5.34	RW39 .260	Ducks
151 .78	399 .38	O15 .15	R89A .1.90	R136c .5.34	RW40 .261	Ducks
152 1.29	400 .42	O17 .15	R90A .1.90	R137c .5.34	RW41 .262	Ducks
153 1.66	400A .36	O18 .16	R91A .1.90	R138c .5.34	RW42 .263	Ducks
154 2.70	401 .19	O19 .45	R92A .1.90	R139c .5.34	RW43 .264	Ducks
155 3.48	403 .45	O20 .20	R93A .1.90	R140c .5.34	RW44 .265	Ducks
159 .15	404 1.98	O21 .65	R94A .1.90	R141c .5.34	RW45 .266	Ducks
160 1.66	407 .28	O22 .40	R95A .1.90	R142c .5.34	RW46 .267	Ducks
161 .24	415 .48	O23 .55	R96A .1.90	R143c .5.34	RW47 .268	Ducks
162 1.10	417 .15	O24 .75	R97A .1.90	R144c .5.34	RW48 .269	Ducks
163 1.25	419 .69	O26 .1.75	R98A .1.90	R145c .5.34	RW49 .270	Ducks
165 1.05	420 .45	O27 .75	R99A .1.90	R146c .5.34	RW50 .271	Ducks
166 3.68	421 .40	O28 .85	R100A .1.90	R147c .5.34	RW51 .272	Ducks
179 .24	422 .48	O29 .2.15	R101A .1.90	R148c .5.34	RW52 .273	Ducks
185 .15	423 .2.65	O35 .80	R102A .1.90	R149c .5.34	RW53 .274	Ducks
186 .18	424 .27	R42B .33	R103A .1.90	R150c .5.34	RW54 .275	Ducks
187 .36	To	O37 .18	R104A .1.90	R151c .5.34	RW55 .276	Ducks
188 .32	440 2.40	O38 .17	R105A .1.90	R15		